

Aertssen Kranen and Michielsens lifting partners at Total Antwerp

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Crane companies Aertssen Kranen and Michielsens are contracted by Total Antwerp for lifting work during turnarounds and maintenance works. Both crane companies are bundling their years of experience on the Total platform in a joint venture for this five-year contract.

Complex lifting and assembly projects often require an ingenious cooperation. Over the next five years, Aertssen Kranen and Michielsens will carry out all lifting and rigging works at the sites of Total Refinery Antwerp, Total Olefins Antwerp and Total Polymers Antwerp. This in a joint venture, through a newly created company called AMI.

Single point of contact

In order to guarantee a unique service, the idea arose to join forces. "The AMI joint venture responds to Total's request to optimize hoisting and rigging works as much as possible. With this collaboration there is one single point of contact for Total platform." Said Tom Deckers, Business Unit Manager at Aertssen Kranen.

"We also anticipate Total's request to work efficiently with equipment and employees." Clarifies Jack Hansoul, General Manager at Michielsens. "The collaboration between Total platform and AMI is further integrated by working with a single on-site planning."

Join forces

For this five-year contract, the joint venture disposes of an extensive and modern fleet of mobile and crawler cranes as well as SPMTs - Self Propelled Modular Transporters. About 35 employees will be employed on the Total platform on a daily basis.

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